(d) State Governments have been consulted to take into account their individual initiatives in this regard, as also to understand the gaps, needs and constraints in e-Governance for Panchayats.

(e) Does not arise.

Scam in Delivery of Petrol and Diesel

1670. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that agents sending oil tankers for army from Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) depots to Leh and Ladakh were siphoning off petrol and diesel before it reaches Leh and are delivering tankers full of water to forward bases, instead of oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a team of IOC officials recently visited Leh for investigating the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the outcome thereof and the action taken against the persons responsible for this fraud?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) : (a) and (b) Commanding Officer, Field Petroleum Depot, Indian Army, Leh *vide* their letter dated 16.07.2005 informed IOC's Ambala Terminal that 7 Tank Trucks loaded with HSD Ex Ambala on 11.07.2005 were found to be carrying water.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. An IOC team visited Leh on 21st-22nd July 2005 during which the Army authorities informed them that an FIR had been lodged with the local police authorities and all 7 Tank Trucks were under police custody. The Tank Trucks drivers had also been arrested by the police.

This Ministry has asked IOC to get an immediate enquiry conducted into the matter through their Chief Vigilance Officer. In addition, IOC have

constituted a committee comprising DGM (Operations) and DGM (Quality Control) to investigate the matter. Suitable necessary action would be taken after the matter has been enquired into.

Oil Refinery near Allahabad

1671. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the proposed refinery in Lohgada (near Allahabad) has started; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the work is likely to start; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) : (a) Land has been acquired and walled-off but construction is yet to begin.

(b) and (c) As at present, the implementation of the refinery project for Uttar Pradesh is slated to be taken up after completion of the Central India Refinery Project at Bina (Madhya Pradesh). The scheduled completion of Central India Refinery Project is projected in 2009-10.

Reserve fund with oil corporations

1672. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector oil corporations *viz.*, ONGC, Indian Oil, HPCL and BPCL, have been operating profitably;

(b) if so, the corporation-wise details of gross and net profit earned both in absolute term and percentage of turnover year-wise, since 2001-02 upto 2004-05 alongwith percentage of profit disbursed as dividend and volume thereof in absolute term and portions of profit transferred to reserve fund;

(c) the indentities of the top ten recipients of dividends year-wise, indicating percentage of total dividend received by each and its volume on each occasion; and